

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding this electronic newsletter. Please e-mail Diana Brensilber at: Diana.Brensilber@state.ma.us.

Announcements

Juvenile Alternative Lockup Program Update for the Northeast Region Effective January 1, 2001, the juvenile Alternative Lockup Programs in the Northeastern part of the state, used to house juveniles in police custody overnight, has been under new management. The contact information for the new programs is listed below. Due to the separation of the Secure and Non-Secure aspects of the programs, police will be required to use a juvenile's most serious charge to determine which program should be contacted.

REGIONAL JUVENILE SECURE ALTERNATIVE LOCKUP PROGRAMS (ALP-SECURE)

Secure Detention for Serious and Violent Delinquents

Karen Orfaly, Program Director

NFI Massachusetts, Inc.

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Lawrence, MA 01841

(978) 557-0236 (Days) or (781) 841-0053 (Page for Placement)

REGIONAL JUVENILE NON-SECURE ALTERNATIVE LOCKUP PROGRAMS (ALP)

Detention for CHINS, Status Offenders, and Non-Violent Delinquents

Rick Rivera, Program Director

Spectrum Health Systems

(508) 312-9016 (Page for Placement)

New Guidelines for BulletProof Vest Reimbursement The Massachusetts State Legislature appropriated funding under Chapter 236, Section 2E, Acts of 2000 (State Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement Program), providing for 50 percent reimbursement for the cost of bulletproof vests purchased on or after July 1, 2000. This program is intended to provide matching funds to local police departments that *have applied or will apply* for reimbursement under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. The new guidelines for BulletProof Vest Reimbursement is available on our web site at:

<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/vest.htm>.

A Reminder: applications for **The Firefighter Safety Equipment Program** are due on **Friday, January 19, 2001**. For additional information on this program, please visit our web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

"Intimate Partner Violence in Massachusetts: Data Sources and Statistics through 1995" The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has released the above report, which was created as a guide to statewide data regarding intimate partner violence for service providers, policy makers, educators and scholars, and it contains both summaries of current Massachusetts sources of intimate partner violence and actual data from each of these sources. To obtain copies of the report, or for more information, please contact the Women Abuse Tracking in Clinics and Hospitals (W.A.T.C.H.) Project at 617-624-5401.

Employment and Training for Court-Involved Youth This satellite videoconference identifies major barriers to employing court-involved youth, and effective strategies for linking court-involved youth to the job market. Examples of programs that overcome those barriers and guidance in designing and implementing training programs that meet the needs of employers will be highlighted. The videoconference will air on February 1, 2001 from 1:30 to 3:30PM EST. To register for the broadcast, please e-mail your name, agency affiliation, and e-mail address to Ms. Jenny McWilliams at ekujitap@aol.com or call her at 859-622-6671.

Funding

From the State. . . .

Challenge Grant for Diversion/Disproportionate Minority Confinement On February 1, 2001, the Request for Response (RFR) for Challenge grants to address Disproportionate Minority Confinement will be available on the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division Web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj.htm>). Enacted by Congress in 1992 under Title II, Part E of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDNA) of 1974, the State Challenge Activities Program provides incentives for States participating in the Formula Grants Program to develop, adopt, and improve policies and programs in specified Challenge activities. In order to address the overrepresentation of minorities in the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system, \$169,000 has been set aside for programs in three Challenge areas: community-based alternatives to incarceration; aftercare services; and alternatives to suspension and expulsion from school.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: The eleven targeted cities of Boston, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Lawrence, Lynn, Lowell,

Pittsfield, Springfield, Holyoke, and Worcester, which represent 25% of the population of Massachusetts and have the highest rates of juvenile delinquency in Massachusetts, will be eligible to apply for funding.

Grant Period: July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002, with the option for continuation funding for a second year.

From the Federal Government. . . .

21st Century Community Learning Centers <http://www.ed.gov/21stcccl/>

Grants for after-school programs will be awarded to rural and inner-city learning education sites, to fund the operation of Community Learning Centers that provide safe and supervised educational, recreational and supportive services for at-risk children and youth in inner-city or rural schools.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2001

Maximum Award Amount: The average grant size is \$125,000 per center per year for three years, or up to \$2 million a year.

Number of Awards Made: 400

Grant Period: 3 years

For further information contact: Amanda Clyburn at 202-260-3804.

From Private Foundations. . . .

The **Hasbro Children's Foundation** awards grants to nonprofits throughout the U.S. that have innovative direct-service programs in the areas of health, education and social services. The aim of the foundation is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children from birth through age 12. The foundation awards local grants ranging from \$500 to \$35,000 to nonprofits with model community programs. In addition, the foundation awards grants ranging from \$35,000 and higher for multi-site expansions. There is no deadline for applications. Instead, proposals are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For complete details, contact the Hasbro Children's Foundation, 32 W 23rd St., New York, NY 10010. <http://www.hasbro.org/>

The **Do Right Foundation** directs its funding to law-enforcement programs, as well as efforts to reduce violent crime. Each year, the foundation awards an estimated \$140,000 in grants to nonprofits throughout the United States ranging from \$1,000 to \$22,000. The foundation also awards grants in the children/youth services category. There is no deadline for applications. For complete details, contact Wendy Kuest, 852 5th Ave., Suite #215, San Diego, CA 92101; 619-233-5634; e-mail: <mailto:doright@adnc.com>

Research and Statistics

"Crime Index Trends, January Through June 2000" The FBI Uniform Crime Reports indicate that total crime in **Boston, Cambridge, and Lowell** increased in nearly every category for the first half of 2000, despite an overall decline nationally of .3%. Comparing crime rates in the first six months of 2000 and of 1999, overall crime in Boston rose 6%, Lowell increased 12%, and Cambridge increased a mere .1%. During the same time period, total reported crimes in **Springfield** declined 1%. http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/Cius_00/00-6motable.pdf

"Homicide Trends in the United States (1976-1999)" Homicide trends recently declined to levels seen in the late 60's. Between 1976 and 1999, males represented three-quarters of homicide victims and nearly ninety percent of offenders. Approximately one-third of murder victims and almost half the offenders are under the age of 25. The number of men murdered by intimates dropped by 69% since 1976. In 1999, 69% of all homicides were cleared compared to 79% in 1976 and 66% in 1993. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/homicide/homtrnd.htm>

"Police Deaths Rise In 2000" A total of 151 police officers died in the line of duty in 2000, a 13% increase from 1999. Dating back to the first law enforcement fatality in 1792, more than 15,000 officers have lost their lives in the line of duty. <http://www.nleomf.com/index1.html>

"Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women: Findings From the National Violence Against Women Survey" The following statistics represent key findings from the survey:

- 52% of surveyed women and 66% of surveyed men reported being physically assaulted as a child by an adult caretaker and/or as an adult by any type of attacker.
- Of the 17% of all women surveyed who reported being the victim of a completed or attempted rape at some time in their life, 54% were younger than age 18.
- 8% of surveyed women and 2% of surveyed men reported being stalked at some time in their life.
- 22% of surveyed women, compared with 7% of surveyed men, reported they were physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabiting partner, boyfriend or girlfriend, or date in their lifetime.
- Women who reported they were raped before age 18 were twice as likely to report being raped as an adult.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/183781.pdf>

"Juvenile Arrests 1999" In 1999, persons under age 18 accounted for 17% of all arrests and 16% of all violent crime arrests. Between 1994 and 1999, the juvenile arrest rate for murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault declined 36%. From 1993 to 1999, the juvenile arrest rate for murder fell 68%. Between 1990 and 1999, juvenile arrests for drug abuse violations increased 132%. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/185236.pdf>

"Juvenile Victims of Property Crimes" In 1997, one in six juveniles ages 12 to 17 was a victim of a property crime-a rate 40% higher than the rate for adults. Fifty-four percent (54%) of juvenile property crimes occur at school. Boys are more likely than girls

to be victims of property crimes (57% vs. 43%). <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/184740.pdf>

"Capital Punishment 1999" In 1999, 37 States and the Federal prison system held 3,527 inmates under the death penalty. Fifty (50) women were under a death sentence, up from 35 in 1990. Twenty states executed 98 prisoners, an increase of 30 from 1998, and the largest annual number since the 105 executed in 1951. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cp99.pdf>

In The News

"Heroin, an Old Nemesis, Makes an Encore" (1/9/01) Research indicates that from 1996 to 1998, an estimated 471,000 people used heroin for the first time, with 25% of the new users under the age of 18 and 47% of users are between the ages 18 to 25. The resurgence in heroin use, which is occurring in **Massachusetts**, is attributed to its being cheaper and purer than the heroin of the 1970's, and also the new forms of the drug (smokable and snortable). <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/01/09/national/09HERO.html>

Resources

"Street Terms: Drugs and the Drug Trade" The Street Terms database contains over 2,300 street terms that refer to specific drug types or drug activity. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/streetterms>

"Recruiting and Retaining Women: A Self-Assessment Guide for Law Enforcement" The National Center for Women and Policing works to educate criminal justice policy makers, the media and the public about the impact of increasing the representation of women in policing and that gender is included in the analysis of contemporary policing issues and reform efforts. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/185235.pdf>

"A Resource Guide on Racial Profiling Data Collection Systems: Promising Practices and Lessons Learned" This document provides an overview of the nature of racial profiling; a description of data collection and its purpose; current activities in California, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Great Britain; and recommendations for the future. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/184768.pdf>

"Drug-Facilitated Rape: Looking for the Missing Pieces" This report explains the problem of drug-facilitated rape and describes practices and strategies used to help resolve drug-facilitated sexual assault. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/jr000243c.pdf>

"Increasing School Safety Through Juvenile Accountability" This report describes key elements of effective school-based accountability programs, delineates the steps essential to successful program implementation, and provides examples of promising programs and best practices, through a collaborative approach that involves students, parents, and school officials. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/179283.pdf>

"Functional Family Therapy" Functional Family Therapy (FFT) draws on a multisystemic perspective in its family-based prevention and intervention efforts. The report describes how the program applies a comprehensive model and techniques, proven theory, and empirically tested principles, to effectively treat at-risk and delinquent youth. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/184743.pdf>

"Color Test Reagents/Kits for Preliminary Identification of Drugs of Abuse" NIJ Standard that establishes requirements for color test reagents/kits to detect drugs of abuse and methods of testing the reagents to ensure standard compliance. This document applies only to identification of drugs in their pure and/or diluted forms; it does not apply to kits that identify drugs through chromatography nor to kits that identify drugs in body fluids. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/183258.pdf>

"The Stalking Resource Center" Its primary purpose is to provide resources, training and technical assistance to victim service providers and criminal justice professionals in an effort to promote a shared, national understanding of stalking and to support locally coordinated, multidisciplinary anti-stalking approaches and responses. <http://www.ncvc.org/stalking-center.htm>

Contact Information

Please visit the Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS <http://www.ncjrs.org/>
OJP <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/>
BJA <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>
BJS <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>
OJJDP <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/>
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